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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE records of the College covering the period from 1638 to 1750 are to be found in three books which are spoken of by Quincy as Books I, III and IV. Book I is labelled on its back, College Book No. 1 & 2, and Book IV is labelled College Book No. 4 & 5.

The paper of Book I is somewhat the worse for hard usage and shows the ravages of time. Questions frequently arise which may perhaps be solved by consulting its pages, and it has been evident for some time that it was desirable that there should be a copy made of this book and also of Book III, which should serve the use of those who desire to consult the early records of the College. Such a copy has just been finished and the editor of the Bulletin has availed himself of this opportunity to secure at the hands of the person who made it an analysis of the contents of these two books. To this has been added a brief account of Book IV, with sufficient extracts from its pages to furnish a key to the character of its pages.

INTRODUCTION.

IN the 27th number of the *Bibliographical Contributions*, issued by the Library of Harvard University, in 1888, I have given my reasons for thinking that the missing volume of records, which Dr. Eliot calls the first of the series, contained the records of the Overseers from 1654 to 1682, and by means of an Index to the Records compiled by President Wadsworth, I there showed that through transcripts entered in Books I and III the more valuable portions of the missing record have probably been preserved. When I made the examination which led to the publication of the foregoing paper I found that the first page of the book marked on the back "College Book No. 1 and 2" was headed "College Book No. 1." Beginning with this page the leaves of the book were consecutively page 1 for some distance, and the numbers although faint can now be easily identified as far as number 47. Apparently through carelessness, the pages in the series which should have been numbered 8 and 9 were turned over together, so that the page numbered 8 is actually the 10th page, and the mistake is thereafter continued in the series. This pagination is invariably to be found on the outer corner of the leaves which it includes. On the 231 page of this series, and the 25th actual page of the book, there begins in the inner corner a new series of paging, which, up to the 831 page of the series, was entered in the left hand upper corner

of each page. Thereafter the numbers of this series are entered in the outer corner of each page. The highest number of this pagination is 227. Judging by the characters of the figures the series beginning at page 23 is the older of the two.

The leaves of this book have been trimmed somewhat by the binder. The writing was in places so near the margin that the knife has in some instances trespassed upon it. The pages measure at present $16\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches and their total number is 354. Of these about one-third are blank, while only about fourteen in the middle of the book are so completely given up to records of Corporation meetings that they can be regarded as dedicated to that purpose. The latest entry of this character is in the handwriting of Increase Mather and is dated April 22, 1687 (Quincy, vol. I, p. 450, says the latest *regular* entry by Mather is dated July 8, 1686).

The miscellaneous character of the entries which precede and are mingled with the records, and which fill the pages at the back end of the book, will appear more clearly in the analysis which follows. It is enough, for the present, to say that the leaves at the beginning were evidently in use prior to the date of the earliest record, for the purpose of entering the items of expenses incurred in finishing the rooms in the first College building; and that after the entry of the first record, the book was made use

of for keeping track of matters of general interest to the College, whether connected with property, discipline, eleemosynary funds or transactions at meetings. The back end of the book was simultaneously used for a record of certain gifts to the Library. The conglomerate character of this use, the violation of chronological sequence in the entries and the duplicate pagination compel us to exercise our individual judgments in the determination of what the book is and how the entries came to be made as they have been.

When I made the examination of the records which led to the publication of the paper heretofore alluded to, I paged Book I consecutively in lead pencil. Between the date of this examination and the time when the book was recently submitted to my inspection for a second time, several pages had become detached from the binding and had apparently slipped out of the book altogether. Whoever undertook to replace them fastened them in advance of the first page of the book, thus giving the book a new page 1 and entirely destroying the sequence of the former paginations. The misplaced pages contain the record of the meeting at which the Seal was adopted (of which Quincy gives a fac-simile) and the copy of Eaton's account. I pointed out to Mr. Winsor that these pages were out of place. The evidence being satisfactory as to where they belonged, he restored them to their proper position in the book.

The double paging in Book I either indicates that it is composed of two different manuscripts bound together, or that it was originally devoted to one purpose and subsequently appropriated for another. In either event the lack of chronological sequence in the entries shows that after some of the earlier entries were made the blank leaves left between these entries were used at different times for recording memoranda relative to eleemosynary funds, etc., etc. If we eliminate entries which may be characterized as intrusive, we find upon the first twenty-five pages of the book a set of charges which relate exclusively to the Studies and Chambers in the first College building at Cambridge.

The Board of Overseers of the College was originally composed of a body of men whose time was monopolized, — the magistrates by their business and their official duties, the clergymen by the several congregations in whose service they were employed. Communication between the towns was difficult, and to attend a meeting meant, for nearly all of them, that they should give the entire day for the purpose. The affairs of the College during its infancy could not have demanded much oversight on their part. It is probable that they were seldom convened together during this period and it is doubtful if they then kept any regular book of records. In 1654, however, they chose a

Secretary and we know that after that date the records of their meetings were entered in a book which was called by President Wadsworth Book II. There was one meeting, however, held in 1643, in the College Hall, which was of such importance that it was entitled to record. A committee was appointed to audit the expenditure of the money received from John Harvard's estate, a Treasurer was elected and a Seal was adopted. There was evident necessity of a formal record of the foregoing and of other important business transacted at this meeting, and it was obviously desirable that this record should remain in the custody of the College authorities.

On the 27th page of Book I a record of the proceedings at this meeting will be found, and it is supposed that the same is in the handwriting of Dunster. From the date of this meeting until 1672 the records are of a desultory character. After that date frequent records of Corporation meetings are entered. The fact that there are no other records of Overseers meetings in the book which can be claimed as probably original, may raise a question in the mind of the inquirer whether the record of this particular meeting is original or a transcript. It seems to me probable that it is an original record, that Dunster having no blank book at hand, made use of this book, in which entries relative to the cost of the Studies and Chambers in the College Building had already been made. Thereafter, matters of importance to the College were from time to time entered on the pages of the book, and after 1672 for about fourteen years what few records of Corporation meetings have been preserved are to be found grouped together in the middle of this book. The volume containing the Overseers records covering the same period was probably destroyed when Harvard Hall was burned.

Between the 4th and 5th clauses in the record of the meeting of the Governors of Harvard College, entered on page 27, there is a memorandum relative to the payment of money, dated 1647. If this memorandum was made simultaneously with the rest of the record, it destroys the character of the entry as an original and relegates it to that of a transcript, made certainly as late as August, 1647. I am of opinion that the entry in question is not in the same handwriting as the record of the meeting. There are many points of resemblance between the two handwritings, but they are not identical. If this opinion is correct the date, 1647, applies only to the intrusive entry which forms no part of the original record.

College Book, No. III, is a much thinner book than the book labelled No. 1 and 2, having only 170 pages. The leaves measure 9 × 14 inches. On one of the fly leaves, inserted by the binder, Mr. Sibley has made a memorandum to the effect that

"these books [referring probably to the Corporation records then in existence] were bound in President Quincy's day."

The paper of Book III, as well as that of which the Book numbered 4 and 5 is composed, was of French manufacture. It has two water-marks. One is a crown over a shield and on the latter is the *fleur de lis*. Below, connected by a line, is a monogram composed of the letters WR. The other represents a cross standing upon the cross-bar of the letter H, in the abbreviation I.H.S. Below are the letters P. B. I have already alluded, in my former paper, to the fact that Mr. George Stewart, Jr. found paper with this water-mark in the Quebec Archives. This book is a compilation, all entries in it of date prior to 1683 being, according to Quincy, in Thomas Danforth's handwriting. Certain marginal entries scattered through the book are mainly in Leverett's handwriting. The records of two or three meetings in 1681 are made partially illegible and the marginal entries by Leverett are evidently intended as substitutes. The records in this book which are of later date than 1683 and which form a connecting link with those in Book IV., together with a statement of the College property in 1693 are also in Leverett's handwriting.

The portion of the book which immediately follows that which has just been described, was appropriated by Wadsworth for the purpose of entering an abstract of the real estate and a description of the annuities owned by the College in his day. The custom of entering the College lands here was kept up by some of his successors. Plots of some of the lots are given, some of which are of interest. The reverse end of the book was, at a later date, devoted to transcripts of degrees, either issued by foreign universities to local celebrities, or honorary degrees of the College.

The collation of material in this book, illustrative of the history of the College, is of very great value. With the exception that it contains an impression of the first seal used by the College, it lacks the interest which attaches to the original entries in Book I. It is not easy to determine when the work was performed of collecting and entering the details which are transcribed in this book. If we knew positively when and how Danforth did this work it would aid us materially in the settlement of some disputed points. For instance, immediately under the date 1659, the following entry occurs: "Mr. William Paine Merch^t gave to the Colledge Twenty pounds, to be layd out for the purchase of lands, & with s^d money the lands whereon the Colledge now stands & the President's lodgings was bought conteyning about one acre & a rood." Under the heading, "An Abbreviate of the Colledge Accounts conteyning both

receits and disbursements from October 1654 untill Decemb. 1663. Extracted out of the Colledge Books, made and given in by Thomas Danforth, Treas^r." Harvard College is made debtor "To a parcell of land on wch the Coll. now stands . . 020£-10s-00d." Now if this entry was contemporaneous it would indicate that the lot on which the first building stood, was not paid for until after 1659. Mr. T. W. Harris has noted in the margin against these entries an opinion that they refer to the second College building, which opinion was probably founded on the language used by Wadsworth in his description of the College homestead lot. A memorandum by Treasurer Richards in one of his account books corroborates this view. He says the money received from Mr. Paine was applied in payment for a lot purchased from John Beets, April 20, 1661. This lot is on Harvard Square just north of where the old meeting house stood. If the northerly line of the lot was north of Harvard Hall it would bring the site, or the greater part of the site of the second building within its bounds.

The earliest possible date, at which this building could have been spoken of, was in 1672. It was not until 1676 that the Library was established within its walls. At least it was on the 31st of August in that year that Daniel Gookin was paid £2 10s. "in satisfaction for his paines in removing the library to the new Colledge & placing them." From this we must infer that the transcripts entered in Book III were certainly not collated before these dates. I think it not improbable that the greater part of the work was done just before the latest date entered by Danforth; that is to say, just before 1684.

It may not be inappropriate to give a few examples of the use of words in these records, either obsolete or unusual in our present vocabulary.

ABBREVIATE, as a noun. The Treasurer's abstracts of College property are so termed.

ACT. Degrees were granted if at any Public Act the student had the approbation of the College Authorities.

BEVERS. Lunch.

BEER, single and double. I take it this is a measure of strength.

BEHOOFULL. BETRUSTED.

BEQUEATHES and **BEQUEATHALS**, in the sense of bequests.

CALESHE. A carriage, (in the accounts).

COMMENCER. One who takes part in the Commencement exercises.

CUE-CUPS. A term in use at the English Universities to designate a cup in which a small sizing or allowance was served.

CONCERNEMENT.

DAMNIFY. To injure.

DISCONTINUERS. Students who do not complete their course of study, or, Fellows who do not serve out the term to which they were appointed.

DISSETTLEMENT. Used to indicate a state of mind. Thus: The Overseers spent the day in prayer in consequence of dissettlement in College.

DEO VOLENTE ET JUVANTE.

EARED-CUPS.

EXHIBITION. A beneficiary fund. Generally applied to funds founded in behalf of students.

FLASKET. FORESHOWED. FORESIGNIFIED.

GOODMAN. GOODWIFE. GOODY.

INCEPTOR. One who is about to take the degree of A.M.

JAG or JAGGE. A load. Found in the Treasurer's accounts. Thus: A Jagge of Wood. Apparently a Jag was smaller than an ordinary load.

JIMMEROS. In one of the accounts in Book I, a charge for "jimmeros" is combined with one for "nayles." The next entry in the same account is "more gemmows." There would seem to be no other entry in the account to which the "more" coupled with gemmows could refer, than to that of jimmeros in the previous line. In the next account we have a charge for "gimmals." In other accounts we have "gimmers" and "gimmews." All of these entries are probably charges for hinges used in the construction of the first College building, and the several forms of the word are traceable to a common origin. A brief review of the etymology of the word and of the history of its changes may be necessary to show this.

Gemmow is an obsolete form for gimmal, the one according to Skeat, corresponding to the old French *gemeau*, masculine, and the other to *gemelle*, the feminine form of the same word, the derivation of both being from the Latin, *gemellus*. Both forms have undergone extraordinary changes according to the dictionary makers. Huloet, in his A. B. C. Edarium, gives gemoll and gemmow as the same, and defines gymmow as "a ringe to hange at ones eares as the Egyptians have." He also gives the "gymmow of a dore," thus indicating the use of the word in the builders' vocabulary in the first half of the sixteenth century. Baret refers for the definition of a gemmow-ring to gemmew. He gives no such word as gemmew but under gemow repeats Huloet's definition. Phillips refers for the definition of gimmal to gemmow-ring, which he defines as a kind of double ring linked with two or more links.

Later, the word gemmow may be recognized in dictionaries under the forms gemmew and gimmew. Gimmal will be found as gimal, gimel, gimmel, gemmel, gemel, and gimmer. At some period in

the existence of the word the letter *b* was introduced and we find the forms gimbal, gimbol, and gimble. Among modern orthoepists there is a division of opinion as to whether the *g* should be hard or soft in many of the foregoing forms of the word, but the fact that it was in many instances soft is shown by such spellings as jimmer, jimmel, and jimmal.

The most acceptable spelling of the word to-day seems to be gimmal. The special form gimbal refers to the concentric rings applied to a ship's compass in order to preserve it in a horizontal position.

Knight, in his Mechanical Dictionary, defines a gemel-hinge as consisting of an eye, a loop, and a hook. Jimmers are defined in modern dictionaries, either as hinges or as jointed hinges.

If I am correct in supposing that the charges for jimmeros, gemmows, gimmals, gimmers and for gimmews, are for one and the same thing, viz. : for hinges, then we have upon these pages five of the forms in which this protean word has been perpetuated. In the same series of accounts we have also charges for hinges.

KEELER. KNIPPERS (Nippers?).

MARGENT. Margin.

MODERATE. The verb having the same meaning that we find in the noun Moderator, a presiding officer.

MUSTARD QUERNE. In the Inventory.

PEALE. An iron peale, in the Inventory, meaning, I should think, something which was used as a substitute for a hand-bell. This, however, is mere conjecture.

POTTLE-POTS.

PROBATIONER. A divinity student on trial.

PUBLICQUELY.

PURGE used thus: "Purge himself by sufficient witness."

QUESTIONIST.

REDEEM. In the sense of improve, thus: "redeem their time."

SCOALE. In the Inventory and probably meant for Scales.

SEER. A title, the meaning of which I have not ascertained.

SIRE. Used in the list of rooms, thus: "the two sire studies." Perhaps the same as seer.

SIZING. A portion or allowance.

UNGIRT. Dissolute.

WEARTH. A derivation of the verb to wear, formed like growth from grow, meaning practically wear and tear.

WEALL PUBLICKE.

WINCH FOR THE JACK.

The following is an analysis of the Contents of Books I, III, and IV, in which a sufficient number of the entries are given in full to show their character. Pages concerning which no mention is made are blank.

BOOK I.

Page 1. Forms: "Baccalaureorum Praesentatio"—"Mag. Praesentatio in Angl." (Quincy, vol. I, p. 582.)

Page 3. "An account of the glasse taken of Christopher Grant of Wattertowne, March 5, 164 $\frac{1}{2}$."

Imprimis, In the Hall & Schoole 112'	112-0		
Itē In the Library 35'	035-0		
Itē, In the Kitchen 18'- $\frac{1}{2}$	018- $\frac{1}{2}$		
The chamber over y ^e Schoole	25- $\frac{3}{4}$		
Item, In the Lanthorne 12'	012-0		
Itē in the Turret 18' Staire Case 8'	026-0		
Alcocks Studdy & Stowes 7'- $\frac{1}{2}$	007- $\frac{1}{2}$		
Dns Alins Studdy & Welds 7'- $\frac{1}{2}$	007- $\frac{1}{2}$		
Dns Saltonstal's Studdy 5'- $\frac{1}{2}$	005- $\frac{1}{2}$		
Stowes Chamber 6'	006-0		
Dns Saltonstalls Chamber 17'	017-0		
Dns Bellingams Chamber 10'	010-0		
Dns Buckleys Chamber 31'	031-0		
Winthrops Studdy 1'-0- $\frac{1}{2}$	001- $\frac{1}{2}$		
Mr Parish his Studdy 4'- $\frac{1}{2}$	004- $\frac{1}{2}$		
Mr Harris his Chāber 6'-0	006-0		
Mr President 31'-0- $\frac{1}{2}$	031- $\frac{1}{2}$		
Bradford's Princes Starres & Cottons Studdyes 11'	011-0		
Hall Studdy 1' $\frac{1}{2}$	001- $\frac{1}{2}$		
Mending glas at severall times 8'			
Ad y ^t was forgot 25 $\frac{3}{4}$			
370' of glas in all—Summe Totall in feet 370 $\frac{3}{4}$ At 10 ^d per foot y ^e summe		15	16
Totall in value is all things accounted			04
Whereof discharged by the Countreye 5 ^{lb}		05	00
In Glasse by the Praesident		07	08
Paid by Mr Weld for H. Dunster to C ^{ofer} Grant		4	03
			01

Page 5. A few entries relating to the distribution of the Exhibition funds in 1673. The handwriting of these entries is of a different character from that of the majority of the entries in this part of Book I, and is said by Quincy (vol. 1, p. 449) to be that of President Hoar.

Page 6. More entries of the same character as the foregoing and in the same handwriting.

Page 9.	Sir Bulkleys Study	lb	s	d	This Study let to Sir Amos December 1645
Impr.	For plankes	0-16-	0		
It.	To y ^e joyner	0-17-	10		
It.	For hinges, lock. & nayles	7-	4	1	
It.	For glasse	0-	2-	6	
It.	For dawbing y ^e walles	-	0-	6	
	Suma	2-	4-	2	
It.	Ye charges of y ^e chamber belonging thereto	0-13-	4		
Per me	JOHANNEM BULKLEYŪ Novem 17 1643.				

The expenses on Thomas Paris his study

Bricks	0-12-00
Carting	0-03-08
Mentletree	0-01-08
Clay	0-02-06
Masons work	0-12-00
Board	0-10-00
Joyners work	0-13-00
Nayles	0-01-06
Table & jinneros	0-02-06
Lock & more gemmows	0-03-00
Seeling	0-00-10
Calking	0-01-00
The glass	0-01-00
	<hr/>
	3-04- 8

THOMAS PARRISH

This study let to John Bear-
don [?Birden] y^e 29th of y^e 8th
1644

Sir Brewsters Study.

		<i>lb s d</i>
Impr.	For 200 foot of pine boards	0-12- 0
It.	For 8 dayes work & an halfe	0-14- 8
It.	For halfe a dayes worke to ye mason & joiners more	0-01- 0
It.	For 3 foot of glasse	0-02- 6
It.	For small gimmalls	0- 0- 7
It.	For greater hinges	0- 2- 6
It.	For nayles, locke & key	0- 5-10
	Suma Totalis	1-19- 1
It.	Y ^e charges of y ^e Chamber	0-13- 4
		<hr/>
		2-12- 5

1645, November, 1. This
study let to Abraham Walver

Sir Downings Study.

		<i>lb s d</i>
Impr.	For boards 272 foote	0-16- 3-ob. q]
It.	Ten dayes & $\frac{1}{2}$ worke at 22 ^d a day	0-19- 3
It.	For y ^e Smithe's worke	0- 6-11
It.	For glasse	0- 2- 1
It.	For nayles, locke & key	0- 3-
	Suma Totalis	<i>lb</i> 2- 7- 6-ob. q]
It.	The charges of y ^e chamber	0-13- 4
		<hr/>
		3-00-10

Let to Mr Danforth by y^e
Colledge

Samuel Wintrops Study

	<i>lb</i>
For all Particulars	2- 0-0
It. y ^e Chamber	0-13-4
	<hr/>
	2-13-4

November y^e first 1645 let to
S^r Stow

Page 10. Mr Richard Harriss Chamber

Sieled with Cedar round about	
For y ^e Chimny half costs w th Tho. Paris so amounts to . .	1-11-10
Boarding round about w th all appurtenances of working thing nailes &c	1-15-00
Glasse & Casnets	0- 6-08
More July 18. & 9 board 107 ^{mo} lgt	0-06-08
More board to John Weld 93 ^t	0-05-04
Item 100 foot of Willm Trench [?]	0-05-06
Item 300 8 ^d nailes	0-02-00
Glass mending	0-03-00
Joiners work by sd Weld	0-12-00
A form & table	0-11-00
A key 8 ^d , & smal nayles 3 ^d	0-00-11
Totall 5-19-11	

Page 11. Sir Brewsters Study.

For two hundred foote of pine boards	12-00
For eight dayes work and an halfe	14-08
For halfe a dayes worke to y ^e mason and somewhat upward .	01-00
For three foote of glasse	02-06
For small gimmalls	00-07
For greater hinges	02-06
For Nayles & other appurtenances from the Iron Monger . .	04-08
For a Locke & key.	01-02

Summa Totalis

-01-18-01

NOTE. — This Brewster account is crossed out in the original.

The Studies of High East Chamber.
Sir Bellinghams Study

This study left by S^r Belling-
ham wth Sampson Eiton & after
to Will. Stoughton.

Page 13. Contains the charges against "Sir Downing's Study." The account contains several corrections and erasures, and the whole of it was finally crossed out. Beneath the heading "The Library Chambers Studies" are the charges against "John Brockes Study." On the same page are charges for finishing the following Studies: "Josiah Winslow his Study—Let to Jonathan Michil, April, 1646"; "John Newton or George Stirk, his Study—Let to George Stirk, 1644"; and "John Allin, his Study—Let to Nath. Whyte, 1644."

Page 14. Contains a memorandum entry dated March 1, 1659 [? 16⁵/₈ 0], relative to "Old Mary," who was apparently a goody, and one Norton who aspired to the position of Butler.

Page 15. Under the heading "The Hiest West Chamber" is "A Note of the Expences of John Weld about his Study & bed," and below "The Expences for S^r Alcocks Study" are given.

Page 17. The account entitled "Samuel Stow, his studyes account & bed together" was entered at the head of this page and then crossed out. This study was apparently in the Middle West

Chamber. Below on the same page the charges for finishing S^r Saltonstall's Study and Chamber are separately entered.

Page 19. "John Brockes Studyes Account" is entered on this page.

Page 21. The Account against Bradford's Study which had "a right to a Cabin in y^e great chāber," is on this page.

Page 23. Only a portion of this leaf remains. What is left of this page contains the charges for the finish of "Starr, his Study." The leaf is pieced out with two fragments which do not belong properly to this book. On the upper the records of two Corporation Meetings in 1673 are entered. On the lower there is a record of a meeting in 1675.

Page 25. At the top of this page the charges for the finish of Prince's Study are entered. Below this there is entered a tabulated statement of the Studies in the College. In one column the income of the several rooms is given. In the other the quarterly rents. The figures given in the income column are in nearly every instance exactly forty times the corresponding quarterly rent.

The studdies in Harvard Colledge with their incoms & quarterly rents.

	INCOME.			QTERS RENT.	
	£	s	d	s	d
1 Imprimis the Senio ^r fellows Studdy in y ^e great chamber	05-00-	0	0	00-	2- 6-
in y ^e corner west off y ^e buttery . . (Incom £4-0-0)	04-00-	0	0	00-02-	00-0
His Siziers studdy over y ^e porch off that chamber	01-10-	0	0	00-00-	09-0
2 In y ^e lower East Chamber y ^e studdy by y ^e Hall	03-00-	0	0	00-01-	06-0
The middle Studdy next thereto	03-00-	0	0	00-01-	06-0
The Northermost Studdy in y ^e same row	03-00-	0	0	00-01-	06-0
The corner Studdy over against it	03-00-	0	0	00-01-	06-0
4 The low chamber westward off this betwixt it & y ^e Turret	03-10-	0	0	00-01-	09-0
The Studdy with y ^e fire in it over this little chamber	03-04-	8	0	00-01-	08-0
The little Studdy next to it Eastward	01-00-	00	0	00-00-	06-0
5 In y ^e East Middle Chamber y ^e Southermost studdy	02-17-	06	0	00-01-	06-0
The Middle Study	02-12-	05	0	00-01-	04-0
The Northermost Study in y ^e same row	03-00-	10	0	00-01-	06-0
The corner study over against it	02-13-	04	0	00-01-	04-0
6 In y ^e highest East Chamber, y ^e Southermost Study	03-00-	00	0	00-01-	06-0
The Middlemost Study	12-10-	00	0	00-01-	03-0
The Northermost Study	12-10-	00	0	00-01-	03-0
7 In y ^e turret, y ^e South east study	02-00-	00	0	00-01-	00-0
The North East Studdy	02-00-	00	0	00-01-	00-0
The North West Study	02-00-	0	0	00-01-	00-0
The South West Study	02-00-	0	0	00-01-	00-0
8 In y ^e great Chamber next y ^e Library the East study next y ^e Library	02-10-	0	0	00-01-	03-0
The West Study in the corner	03-08-	00	0	00-01-	09-0
The West Study with y ^e fire	03-06-	05	0	00-01-	08-0
The Middle West Study	02-13-	09	0	00-01-	04-0
In y ^e middle chamber over y ^e kitchins. The Southermost Study	02-10-	00	0	00-01-	03-0
The Middle Study	03-08-	05	0	00-01-	09-0
The Northermost Study	02-10-	00	0	00-01-	03-0
The Corner Study over agst it	02-10-	00	0	00-01-	03-0
10 The Study in y ^e Chamber East off this over y ^e Larder	02-10-	00	0	00-01-	03-0
In y ^e highest chamber over y ^e kitchen y ^e study with y ^e fire	03-05-	01	0	00-01-	08-0
11 The middlemost study	03-01-	03	0	00-01-	06-0
The corner study next to it	02-10-	00	0	00-01-	03-0
The lowest study in y ^e Turret	03-00-	00	0	00-01-	06-0
	94-11-	08		02-07-	6

Page 27 contains the record of a meeting of "the Governours of Harvard Colledge, held in the Colledge Hall" the 27th of December, 1643, at which a committee was appointed to audit the disbursements of the money received from John Harvard's Estate, a Treasurer was appointed, a Seal was adopted, and other important business was transacted. This entry is supposed to have been made by Dunster. A fac-simile of a portion of this page is given by Quincy (vol. I, facing p. 48), and also in the Quinquennial issued in 1890, and in the Record of the 250th Anniversary.

Page 30 contains the account of Samuel Shepard (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 453-454) who succeeded Eaton in the superintendence of the construction of the first College building. It is numbered 5 in the second series of paging. It naturally should have been 6 in this series.

Page 31 is only about three-quarters the length of the ordinary pages in this book and is pasted in a little below the line of the adjacent pages. This page is numbered 29 in the series of paging which begins with the first page. It should have been page 7 in the second series if that pagination had

been consecutively entered, but is not included in that series. It contains a number of entries concerning the quarterly rentals of Studies and Chambers in "the old house," in "Mr. Goffe's house," "in y^e wch was the schoolhouse" and "in the old Colledge." Mr. Sibley identifies the writing as that of President Chauncy. The paper of this fragment of a leaf is the same as the other paper in the book, but it is not certain that it is in its proper place.

Page 33 has a list of the Magistrates of the Colony of Plymouth in 1672, and a list of the Towns of the Colony giving also the names of the Ministers in the several Towns at the same date.

Page 34. The sole entry on this page is a list of the "Benefactors to the first Font of Letters for Printing in Cambridge. Their names collected per L. H. 1674" (Leonard Hoar, in Quincy, vol. I, p. 459).

Page 35. This page is devoted solely to the entry of the account of Tyng the Country Treasurer (Quincy, vol. I, p. 455).

Page 37 contains a copy of a grant in 1646, to the College, of 600 acres at Andover, by Rev. Nathaniel Ward (Quincy, vol. I, p. 510). Also a copy of a Legacy by Israel Stoughton of 300 acres in Dorchester (Quincy, vol. I, p. 511).

Page 39 contains the following forms in Latin: Certificate for an Undergraduate, Certificate for a Bachelor of Arts, and Certificate for a Master of Arts (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 581-582).

Page 41 has for its only entry a copy of an agreement on the part of Richard Taylor, a tenant of a shop in Boston given by Major Robert Sedgwick to the College, dated Jan. 13, 1648, setting forth the terms of the tenancy.

Page 43. "The Lawes, Liberties & Orders of Harvard Colledge, confirmed by the Overseers & President of y^e Colledge in the yeares 1642-1643-1644-1645 & 1646 and published to y^e scholars for y^e perpetuall preservation of their welfare & government." Sections 1-17 inclusive (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 515, 516-517).

Page 44. Sections 18 and 19 of the same. Also "Orders agreed upon by y^e Overseers at a Meeting in Harvard Colledge, May 6th, 1650" (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 517, 518, 519).

Page 45. "Statuta, Leges, Privilegia, et Ordinationes per Inspectores et Praesidem Collegii Harvardini Constitutae An. Chr. 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646, et promulgatae ad scholarium salutem et disciplinam perpetuo conservandam." Sections 1-17 inclusive (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 577, 578).

Page 46. Sections 18 and 19.

Page 49. "Certain orders by the Schollars & Officers of the Colledge to bee observed, written 28 March 1650" (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 582, 583).

Page 50. Same continued (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 584, 585).

Page 51. Forms. Praesentatio Baccalaureorum — Admissio — Praesentatio Magistrorum — Admissio Inceptorum (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 580, 581).

Page 52. "Formula Publicae Confessionis" (Quincy, vol. I, p. 581).

Page 53. Forms. Sociis admittendis. In Scholaribus admittendis (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 579, 580). Also a copy of a proclamation by the Magistrates of the Colony, May 10, 1649, concerning the wearing of long hair (Quoted from the Records by Hutchinson, vol. I, p. 143).

Page 55. "A Clause of Mr Willm Penoyers will bearing date 20th May, 1670." "A clause in y^e will of Sir Matthew Holworthy."

Page 57. "A clause of Mr Rogers's wil."

Page 59. A copy of the Charter of 1650 (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 589, 590, 591).

Page 60. Charter continued and also under the heading "Rerum Exemplar. Out of the printed lawes in the title Colledge," a copy of the Act of 1642 establishing the Overseers.

Page 61. "The form of exemption for Colledge Servants" (Quincy, vol. I, p. 585). Also the record of a vote passed at a Corporation meeting June 10, 1659, authorizing the town watch to exercise their powers within the precincts of the College yard (Quincy, vol. I, p. 544).

Page 63. The heading of the entry on this page is illegible, the top of the leaf having been cut off. The page is devoted to a record of the laws of the College relating to the Steward, Butler, and Cook. The same laws are entered in Book III, beginning on page 33. They were passed at a meeting of the Overseers at the President's House, March 27, 1667.

Page 64. Continuation of same. Also a record of a vote by the Corporation June 17, 1667, giving the Bachelors the forenoon of Commencement day for their work.

Page 65. Records of votes of the Corporation, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, mainly relating to money matters and the distribution of eleemosynary funds.

Page 66. A memorandum relative to Treasurer Danforth's accounts dated January 25, 1672 [? 1672].

Page 65. Record of transactions at a Corporation meeting at Cambridge, Sept. 27, 1670, at which business came up connected with the following topics: The Pequot lands; proposed settlement with Capt. George Denison; money due the College from remote towns called in; stone fence ordered to be built around the President's land; Treasurer ordered to procure a copy of John Glover's will; Treasurer ordered to receive the Printing press given by the "honorable corporacon

for y^e Indians." A copy of a receipt given Treasurer Danforth by Richards entered and then crossed out.

Page 68. Record of a Corporation meeting. References to gifts and bequests from Elder Champney of Cambridge, John Hayward of Charlestown, Ezekiel Rogers, Mr. Ward of Ipswich, and Mr. Glover.

Page 69. A copy of the receipt given by John Richards, Treasurer, to Thomas Danforth, late Treasurer, June 3, 1669, setting forth the Bonds, Obligations, &c. belonging to the College.

Page 70. Memorandum of Cattle received by Richards from Danforth for the legacy of Capt. Richard Sprague to the College.

Page 75 is headed "Acts of y^e Corporation since y^e 10th of Decem^r 1672." Then follows the entry of an order January 25, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$, for the payment to Thomas Danforth of the balance due him, and the record of a Corporation meeting held February 3, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$. A memorandum note to the heading given above is entered on this page as follows: "Memo. President Hoar was elected July 30 and inaugurated 10, Sept^r. 1672. J. D." President Quincy made the following annotation to the note: "This memo. was made by Treasurer Davis within the present century. His authority must have been College Book No. 3, p. 54. J. Q. 1839." Mr. Sibley also entered the following in pencil below Treasurer Davis's note: "No! it was 10 December. J. L. S."

NOTE.—Quincy, Vol. I, p. 450, describing Book I, says: "One of its earliest entries is in the handwriting of President Hoar, and has the signature L. IL., whence it has been conjectured, that this book was collected and bound together in his time, or about 1673." It seems to me clear that the memorandum entry referred to by Quincy was intrusive, and that the conjecture to which he alludes was probably based upon the fact that the dedication of this book by Hoar to the preservation of corporation records is clearly defined in the heading on page 75.

Page 76. Records of Corporation meetings, May 27, 1673, Sept. 15, 1673, Nov. 5, 1673, Feb. 2, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$, March 1, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Page 77. Same, April 15, 1674, May 4, 1674, June 15, 1674, Dec. 11, 1674. In the margin against the record of the December meeting, a transcript of certain proceedings at an Overseers meeting, Dec. 3, 1674, is entered in President Leverett's handwriting. It refers to the speedy filling up of vacancies in the corporation.

Page 78. Record of Corporation meeting, Dec. 11, 1674, continued, and that of another meeting, Dec. 21, 1674, entered.

Page 79. "An Inventory of the Colledge Utensills belonging to the Kitchin & Butterie, Nov. 18, 1674."

Page 80. Conclusion of Inventory. Corporation meetings, April 19, 1675, June 1, 1675, Sept. 2, 1675, Dec. 22, 1675, Dec. 27, 1675, April 11, 1676.

Page 81. Corporation meetings, August 22, 1676, October 23, 1677, May 14, 1677, March 6, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$, June 30, 1679, July 3, 1679. President Leverett has transcribed in the margin against the March meeting, a recommendation of the Overseers, Jan. 28, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$, to the Corporation to fill certain vacancies. In the record of the meeting of July 3, 1679, James Allin and Noadiah Russell, both of New Haven, are described as both of the Colony of Nox. (*Proc. Am. Ant. Soc.*, April, 1887.)

Page 82. Corporation meetings, Oct. 8, 1679, Feb. 2, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$, July 12, 1681, August 9, 1681. The election of Increase Mather, in 1681, as President, is also recorded, but the day and month are not entered.

Page 83. Corporation meetings; Nov. 7, 1681, Dec. 13, 1681, Jan. 5, 168 $\frac{1}{2}$, March 27, 1682.

Page 84. Corporation meetings, April 10, 1682, May 4, 1682. An order relative to the sale of duplicate books in the library, without date. Corporation meeting, Jan. 10, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Page 85. Corporation meeting, March 22, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$. "An Inventory of y^e Colledge Utensills belonging to y^e Butterie, October 26, 1683."

Page 89. Corporation meetings, Dec. 5, 1683, March 17, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Page 91. Memoranda relative to the distribution of the Penoyer Exhibit, covering 1679–1680, 1683–1684.

Page 93. Overseers meeting Commencement Day, July 1, 1684. Corporation meetings, July 21, 1684, Oct. 1, 1684, Oct. 16, 1684, Oct. 30, 1684, March 2, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$, March 23, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Page 94. Record of a vote that Leverett was chosen Probationer. Corporation meetings, March 23, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$. These two entries probably constitute a part of the record of the meeting, March 23, begun on the foregoing page. Corporation meeting, May 4, 1685. Transcript from Overseers meeting, June 11, 1685. Memorandum entry, Sept. 8, 1685, to the effect that Welch who had been expelled was re-admitted.

Page 95. Transcript from proceedings of the General Court, May 27, 1685, relative to the use of the hundred pounds appropriated for the President's Salary. Corporation meeting, July 2, 1685, reciting the foregoing and appropriating the money for specific purposes. Corporation meetings, Sept. 15, 1685, Nov. 25, 1685.

Page 96. Corporation meetings, April 12, 1686, April 25, 1686, July 8, 1686.

Page 97. Orders by Rector and Tutors, March 8, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$, April 22, 1687.

NOTE.—Quincy, Vol. I, p. 450, says: "The last regular entry in this book is in the handwriting of President Mather and is dated July 8, 1686." The records of the Rector and Tutors would appear to be the only records that we can expect to find at this period. See Quincy, vol. I, p. 58.

Pages 98, 99. Harvard College in account with the Penoyer Legacy. Credit and debit entries, covering 1685, 1686, 1687.

Pages 101-133 inclusive, are devoted to the entry of the names of graduates—covering the years 1642-1795. The list was begun by President Wadsworth in 1733 and continued by his successors up to and including the year 1795.

Pages 164, 165, 166 are devoted to the record of a body of laws relating to the Library. The record was made May 24, 1736, and the laws were published in the College Hall by the President after Morning Prayers, July 1, 1736.

Pages 182-206 inclusive. "The body of laws for Harvard College, made by the President and Fellows thereof and consented to by the Overseers of said College, Anno Domini, 1734" (Peirce, *Hist. of Harvard College*, Appendix, 125). These laws were entered by Bridge, Sophomore, June 25, 1734, and compared with the original by President Wadsworth, June 26, 1734. They were "published in the College Hall, the Hon^d and Rev^d Overseers and Corporation being present (as well as y^e members of y^e College), on Sept. 24, 1734."

Page 206 also contains a corporation vote relative to the price of Monis's Hebrew Grammar.

The remaining entries in this Book were made by reversing the Book and opening it at the back. They are therefore all inverted.

Page 250. A list of books presented by Governor John Winthrop (*Life and Letters of John Winthrop*, p. 438).

Page 259. A list of books presented by Sir Kenelm Digby (*Lib. H. U. Bib. Cont.*, No. 27, p. 13). There is a pencil notation to the effect that the entry is in the handwriting of President Chauncy.

Pages 264-260 inclusive. A list of books received from John Harvard's estate (*Lib. H. U. Bib. Cont.*, No. 27, pp. 10 et seq.). The following notation is made on page 264: "Is not this Dunster's handwriting?" On page 260, this list is concluded, and below, the page being inverted, there is a copy of a memorandum agreement given Joshua Scottow, Oct. 28, 1649, on the occasion of his deposit in the library of Stephen's Thesaurus in four volumes folio (Quincy, Vol. I. p. 512). The work was to be surrendered to any child of Scottow's who might need it. Below this is a copy of a receipt given President Oakes by Josh. Scottow for the Thesaurus in accordance with the condition.

Page 268. List of Books given by Peter Butkley (*Lib. H. U. Bib. Cont.*, No. 27, p. 13).

Page 272. List of Books given by Sir Richard Bellingham (*Ibid.*, p. 14.)

The last page in this book is the 354th. On this page some person started to enter the names of the Treasurers of the College. The list comprises the names of Pelham, Danforth, and Richards.

BOOK III.

On the fly leaf at the beginning of this book Mr. Sibley has made the following notation: "These books bound in President Quincy's day." Quincy states that all entries in this book up to the date January, 1683, with the exception of some marginal insertions in the handwriting of John Leverett, are in the handwriting of Thomas Danforth (vol. I, pp. 450, 451). All entries subsequent to that date, Quincy says, are in Leverett's handwriting. By this he means probably all records of meetings subsequent to January, 1683.

NOTE.—The date fixing the termination of Danforth's work in this book should be January, 1684. The date of his last entry is January, 1683, but it succeeds entries in December, 1683, and is obviously Old Style.

Page 1 contains a memorandum relative to the appropriation by the General Court of four hundred pounds for the College in 1636. A statement of the amount of John Harvard's legacy. A memorandum concerning the gifts by Thomas Adams and Christopher Coulson, and a statement concerning the gifts of Lady Mowlson, Mr. Bridges and others (*Proc. Am. Ant. Soc.* Oct. 1887, Oct. 1892). There are also some marginal notations.

Page 2 contains Nathaniel Eaton's appointment as Superintendent of the construction of the first College building and his account (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 452, 453).

Page 3 contains a statement of the cause of his removal, Samuel Shepard's appointment as his successor, Dunster's appointment as President, and the beginning of the Act of 1642 establishing the Board of Overseers (Quincy, vol. I, p. 587).

Page 4. Act of 1642 continued. Gift of Books by Magistrates and Rev^d Elders.

Page 5. Record of gifts of money, books, etc., to the College.

Page 6. Record of gifts continued. The last entry of gifts states that the Colonies of The Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, Hartford and New Haven, gave in the space of eight years two hundred and fifty pounds and more, and refers for a particular account to page 10. Below this is an abstract of the record of the meeting of the Governors of the College held December 27, 1643, at which the Seal was adopted. An impression of the first Seal of the College. The shield and the open books are similar to those shown in the vignette in Quincy's

History, vol. I, p. 23. The surrounding motto is "Sigillum - Coll - Harvard - In - Cantab - Nov Ang." The words "In Christi Gloriam" are lacking.

Page 7. Record of gifts and bequests of real estate to the College. Nathaniel Ward's gift. Israel Stoughton's legacy. Major Robert Sedgwick's gift.

Page 8. Forms. *Presentatio Bacalaureorum* (Quincy, vol. I, p. 580). *Admissio Bacalaureorum* (*ibid.* p. 580). *Presentatio Magistrorum* (*ibid.* p. 580). *Admissio Inceptorum* (*ibid.* pp. 580-581). *Formula admittendi Socios* (*Sociis admittendis*, *ibid.* pp. 579-580).

Page 9. *Formula admittendi Socios* continued. *Formula admittendi Scholares Aediles*.

Page 10. "A more particular Account of the contributions made by the severall Colonies aforenamed in pag. 6 followeth." A detailed statement of the gifts of the towns in the several Colonies is then given (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 455, 456).

Page 11. "The distribution made of the moneys given from the severall Colonies now followeth" (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 456, 457). Then comes a detailed statement showing the application of the money. This is followed by a statement that Dunster as President received money and distributed it as ordered by the Overseers, an account of which will be found on page 18. In the margin is written "Mr. Hen. Dunster, Treas^r de facto."

Page 12. Charter of 1650.

Page 13. Charter of 1650 continued.

Page 14. Charter of 1650 concluded. This is followed by a certificate of H. Flynt that it had been compared with the original.

Page 15. The form of exemption for College servants (Quincy, vol. I, p. 585).

Page 16. Gifts of real estate to the College — John Newgate, 1650, John Coggan, 1652, Cambridge and Henry Dunster, lands at Shawshin. Followed by "The names of sundry Gentlemen that contributed towards the repair of the Colledge in the year 1654 & 1655, &c."

Page 17. Same continued. Dunster's resignation delivered to the Overseers and the order of the General Court in the premises.

Page 18. Order of General Court continued. Meeting of Overseers October 24, 1654. Dunster's resignation pressed. Vote of Overseers accepting the same. Dunster's account presented, followed by a memorandum concerning the same signed J. Q.

Pages 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25. College laws passed 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645 and 1646, with additional laws passed 1650, 1654, 1660, 1663, 1666. Followed at the bottom of page 25 by sections 1, 2 and 3 of the rules and orders with reference to the Library passed in 1667. There are a few memo-

randa and cross references in the margin against these laws and rules, made by Leverett and Wadsworth.

Pages 26, 27. Library rules continued. Followed on page 27 by an order of the Overseers passed 1681, with reference to wine at Commencement.

Page 28. Order of Overseers as to Proctors entering rooms of disorderly students. Corporation meeting June 17, 1667. Order giving the forenoon of Commencement day to Bachelors. *Formula publicae Confessionis* (Quincy, vol. I, p. 581).

Page 29. Proclamation of the Magistrates of the Colony, May 10, 1649, relative to the wearing of long hair (Hutchinson, vol. I, p. 143).

Page 30 is headed "In the yeare 1659." Then follows a record of gifts, — Richard Saltonstall, money and goods; William Paine, twenty pounds for lands, "& with s^d money the lands whereon the Colledge now stands & the President's lodgings was bought, conteyning about One Acre & a Rood." In the margin, referring to the College, these words are written in pencil: "The 2d Harvard which was burnt;" and these words with reference to the President's lodgings: "The 'lodgings' or house finished by Dunster which stood near Massachusetts." These notations were probably made by T. W. Harris. Following the gift of William Paine, other gifts are entered, — Robert Keyne, a money legacy and a moiety of a house in Boston; Henry Webb, by will, a house in Boston, also a money legacy, to be laid out, according to a notation by Leverett, in lands; the General Court, 2000 acres in the Pequot Country in 1657.

Page 31. Gifts and bequests. Capt. Richard Sprague, John Hopkins corrected by Leverett to Edward Hopkins, Bridget Wynes, Thomas Pierce Sen^r, Mr. Wilson of Boston, Mr. Rowss of Charlestown, Sir Kenelme Digby, Sir Thomas Temple, Edward Ting, Thomas Graves, John Willet, Ralfe Freck, John Frecks.

Page 32. Gifts continued. John Winthrop, Sir Richard Daniel, Mr. Latham, minister of Burywith, Mr. Stranguish of London, John Ward sometime of Ipswich, John Payne of Boston, Wm. Colbran of Boston, The Inhabitants of — (Mr. Sibley has filled the blank with "Segotea, J.L.S."), Mr. Stranguish. "Mr. John Buckley first Master of Arts in Harvard Colledge & Matthew Day Steward of the Colledge gave a garden conteyning about one acre & one rood of land scittuate & neer adjoyning to the Colledge & ordered the same to be for the use of the Fellows that should from time to time belong to & be resident at the said Society, the s^d garden being now commonly called & known by y^e name of the Fellows Orchard" (Quincy, vol. I, p. 510).

Pages 33, 34, 35, 36. College laws with reference to the Steward, Butler and Cook, 1667. At the bottom of page 36, the first part of the Vote of the Corporation, June 10, 1659, authorizing the Town Watch of Cambridge to exercise their powers within the precincts of the College yard, is recorded (Quincy, vol. I, p. 514).

Page 37. Same concluded. Bulkley's deed of the Fellows Orchard to the College in Latin (Quincy, vol. I, pp. 505, 506).

Page 39. Overseers meetings, Oct. 24, 1654, Nov. 2, 1654, Nov. 27, 1654. Proceedings with reference to the election and inauguration of Rev. Charles Chauncy as President.

Page 40. Memorandum entry of Dunster's consent to vacate the President's House. Election of Fellows, Feb. 28, 1655 [$?163\frac{2}{3}$], Aug. 12, 1656. Sundry pieces of plate given to the College by Thomas Langham, Mr. Ven, and Richard Harris. Real estate bequeathed by John Hayward of Charlestown and Rev. Ezekiel Rogers of Rowly.

Page 41. The Inventory of 1654.

Page 42. Inventory continued.

Page 43. Inventory concluded. Statement of College debits. Fellows chosen, Aug. 24, 1663, Nov. 28, 1666. Stoddard chosen Library keeper, March 27, 1667. Treasurer ordered to provide utensils for the kitchen.

Page 44. Proceedings at Corporation meetings, Jan. 1, 1667 [$?166\frac{7}{8}$], Oct. 4, 1669, Feb. 21, 1670.

Page 45. Corporation meetings, Sept. 27, 1670, Aug. 1, 1671, Nov. 15, 1671, Feb. 12, 1671 [$?167\frac{1}{2}$].

Pages 46, 47. "An Abbreviate of the Colledge Accounts, conteyning both receits and disbursements from October, 1654, untill Decemb. 1663. Extracted out of the Colledge Books, made and given in by Thomas Danforth, Treas." Debtor entries, p. 46; Credit entries, p. 47. On page 46 one item reads: "To a parcell of land on wch the Coll. now stands." "20.10.00." Beneath the statement the following note explanatory of this entry is written in pencil: "'On which the Coll. now stands' is an interpolation not written by Treasurer Danforth at the above date, if by him at all, and probably written as late as the year 1683. The College referred to was the 2d Harvard, which was burnt in 1764, and on the site whereof the 3d Harvard Hall was built." In still another hand the following is written: "Th Wm Harris's pencilling."

NOTE.—My investigations lead me to the same conclusion that Mr. Harris adopted as to the building referred to in the entry, but I think the interpolated portion of the entry was written by the same person who wrote the rest of it. The second College building was not erected until 1672, nine years after the last date given in this abbreviate. It is quite likely that Danforth did not make this compilation until several years after that date.

Pages 48, 49. "An Abbreviate of the Accounts of Harvard Colledge in Cambridge for five years past Beginning in Decemb. 1663." Debit entries, p. 48; Credit entries, p. 49.

Page 50. "An Account of the Colledge Stock, Feb. 1, 1668" [$?166\frac{2}{3}$].

Page 51. "The Colledge Estate in houses, lands & Annuities, Feb. 1, 1668" [$?166\frac{2}{3}$]. Lands belonging to the College recorded in the Town Book. Richard Champney's bequest.

Page 52. John Glover's Legacy. Order of Overseers, March 7, 167 $\frac{1}{2}$, for payment of the funeral expenses of President Chauncy. Request of Overseers and Corporation, December 5, 1667, that Thomas Danforth shall assume the office of Steward for one year. 1668, Danforth's resignation as Treasurer.

NOTE.—This probably should be 1669. The bonds etc. transferred to Richards and referred to in the next entry being fully set forth in the lists, pp. 50-51.

Page 53. Copy of certificate, June 3, 1669, setting forth delivery of bonds, etc., by Danforth to Richards, with a reference to the page where they are recorded in full. Henry Henly's gift. Order of Overseers, June 3, 1669, for the disposition of the Piscataqua gift, the same not being complete.

Page 54. Remainder of same. Overseers meeting, July 30, 1672. Doctor Leonard Hoar elected President. Statement that he was inaugurated, Sept. 10, 1672. Overseers meeting June 20, 1672. Appointment of Deacon John Cooper and Mr. William Manning to oversee the construction of the new College building, the same not being complete.

Page 55. Concluding portion of appointment.

Page 56. Committee of Overseers appointed to co-operate. Jan. 20, 1672 [$?167\frac{2}{3}$], One hundred pounds allowed Pres't Hoar for travelling expenses. Sept. 15, 1673, Resignations and elections of Fellows. Nov. 10, 1674, the Overseers met and spent the day in prayer and humiliation with reference to some dissettlement in the College.

Page 57. President Hoar's resignation, March 15, 167 $\frac{4}{5}$. Contributions towards the new edifice, 1672.

NOTE.—The pagination of this book is somewhat confused, owing to carelessness in entering the numbers, but up to this point the numbers correspond with the corrected system which finally prevailed. At this point, however, 57 was repeated, and from page 57 forward the error was continued as far as the book was pagged.

Pages 58, 59. Same.

Page 60. "Sundry donations to the Colledge received by Capt. John Richards Treasr."

Page 61 has the following heading: "Here follows the severall Orders, Appoyntments and Distributions made by the Corporation, during the time

that Doctor Hoar did officiate, extracted out of the old Colledge-Book." Then come Corporation meetings, October 4, 1672, Sept. 27, 1670, the latter being incomplete.

Page 62. The record of the meeting of Sept. 27, 1670, continued. January 25, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$, balance due Danforth ordered paid. Corporation meeting, Feb. 3, 167 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Page 63. Sundry transactions at a Corporation meeting, May 27, 1673. Resignations and confirmations of Fellows by the Overseers, September 15, 1673, with marginal notations by Leverett. Corporation meeting, November 5, 1673. Memorandum that Sir Sewall was confirmed as Fellow by the Overseers Nov. 26. Marginal notation by Leverett.

Page 64. Danforth's accounts adjusted, Feb. 2, 1674 [? 167 $\frac{3}{4}$]. Sir Sewall, Library keeper. A student subjected to discipline March 1, 1674 [? 167 $\frac{3}{4}$]. April 15, 1674, Seniors to be punished as well as Freshmen if they compel Freshmen to go on errands during hours of study. May 4, 1674, Order as to declamations. June 15, 1674, Sir Thatcher chosen Fellow. Marmaduke Johnson's contract confirmed. The death of Rev. Samuel Danforth, Senior Fellow, Nov. 19, 1674, noted by Leverett.

Page 65. Proceedings of an Overseers meeting, Dec. 3, 1674, at which the President and Fellows were recommended speedily to fill up their number, transcribed from old Overseers book at the head of this page by Leverett, Dec. 11, 1674. Thomas Sergeant's degree granted. Election of Urian Oakes, Thomas Shepard, and Increase Mather, as Fellows. The corresponding record in Book I. transcribed by Leverett in the margin and credited to "Long College Book," Daniel Gookin, Library keeper. Sundry other details of business transacted at this meeting.

Page 66. "An Inventory of the Colledge Utensills belonging to the Kitchen and Buttery, Nov. 18, 1674."

Page 67. Dec. 21, 1674, Thomas Sergeant admitted Batchelor of Arts. Marginal entry of an Overseers meeting at Cambridge, March 15, 167 $\frac{4}{5}$, by Leverett. At this meeting, Urian Oakes and Thomas Shepard were confirmed as Fellows. Hoar resigned as President. There is also an entry, by Leverett, to the effect that Increase Mather was entreated to accept the Presidency, under which is written "at Boston 11. (1.) 167 $\frac{5}{4}$." November 10, 1674, allowance by Overseers in aid of Barnabas Chauncy. April 7, 1675, consent of Urian Oakes to accept the place of President temporarily. The names of those present at these meetings noted in the margin by Leverett. An order of the Overseers at the meeting of April 7, inserted by Leverett. Corporation meeting; April 26, 1675, Samuel Dan-

forth chosen Fellow. Names of those present inserted by Leverett in the margin.

Page 68. Corporation meetings, April 19, 1675, June 1, 1675, Sept. 8, 1675, and Oct. 27, 1675. The confirmation of Danforth by the Overseers on this day noted by Leverett.

Page 69. December 22, 1675, Corporation meeting at which Ammi Corlett was chosen Fellow. In the margin Leverett has noted his confirmation at an Overseers meeting Jan. 1, 167 $\frac{5}{6}$. The choice of Daniel Russell as Fellow, December 27, 1675. Leverett has filled out the entry with the words "and to be presented to the Overseers for y^e accept^s." Sir Allen chosen Library keeper, April 2, 1676. Corporation meeting, August 22, 1676. The names of those present inserted in the margin by Leverett. Wadsworth chosen butler, Oct. 23, 1677. Corporation meeting, May 14, 1677, at which John Rogers, of Ipswich, was chosen President. Under this entry Leverett has inserted the record of a meeting of Overseers, January 28, 167 $\frac{7}{8}$, at which the Corporation were recommended to choose a Fellow in place of Rev. Mr. Shepard, deceased. Below this Leverett has written "Turn over and see how the Corporacon understand the above comendation of the Overseers."

NOTE. — Quincy, vol. I, p. 472, says Rogers was elected in June.

Page 70. Corporation meeting, March 1, 167 $\frac{7}{8}$, containing the record of the election of John Sherman as Fellow. Leverett has filled out the record somewhat and has noted in the margin that Isaac Foster was chosen Probationer and took charge of the Sophomores. Also, "That the Presid^t remit'd 16s to this new Tutor whom the Corporacon saw meet to choose to officiate on the place, besides the Rev^d. Mr. J. Sherman now chosen a non-resid^t Fellow of the College and member of the Corporation." Overseers meeting, May 21, 1678, containing the record of the instalment of Isaac Foster, and having a clause inserted by Leverett, to the effect that "Mr. Sherman was now presented & approv'd by y^e Overseers. In wch place he continued to his death wch happen'd Aug. 8, 1685." Corporation meeting, June 30, 1679. Mr. Stoughton invited to provide a President for the College. Daniel Gookin chosen Library keeper.

Page 71. Boston, July 3, 1679, distribution of the Penoyer money. James Alline and Noadiah Russell are described as "of the Colonie of Nox or New Haven." In the margin an entry was made at a later date as follows: "Mem^o. In the copy of Mr Penoyers will w^t is in this Paragraf s^d to be in the Colony of Nox is s^d to be in the Colonie now or of late call'd N. Haven colony." Corporation meeting, Oct. 8, 1679, Samuel Andrew chosen Fellow. Sir Matthew Holworthy's gift announced.

February 2, 1679 [$? 16\frac{7}{8}\frac{9}{10}$], Mr. Oakes chosen President.

NOTE.—Quincy, vol. I, p. 35, says: "In February, 1679, Oakes, being again elected, accepted the Office." The date is obviously Old Style, and should be $16\frac{7}{8}\frac{9}{10}$.

Page 72. Records of same meeting continued. Feb. 9, 1679 [$? 16\frac{7}{8}\frac{9}{10}$]. Approval of the choice of Mr. Oakes by the Overseers. Inserted by Leverett, "The Rev^d Mr. Urian Oakes was Installed Presid^t of Harvard College by Govern. Bradstreet in the College Hall on the Commencement Day August 1680." Memorandum entry to the effect that Rev^d Urian Oakes died July 25, 1681. Then follows the record of an Overseers meeting, July 26, 1681. This date and the entire record of the meeting has been scratched out. Most of it can be deciphered. It reads as follows:

"For the managem^t of the Commencem^t now shortly to be attended Its ordered y^t the Govern^t of the day & work be by the [illegible] of the College in manner following.

The Rev^d Mr. [illegible] to begin the day with prayer & give the commencers their degrees. The Rev^d Mr. [illegible] is to moderate y^e dispute [illegible] conclude the work of the day with prayer.

[Two lines absolutely illegible.]

Its further ordered that the Fellows of the College take care thereof in all respects as well for admission of students as Govern^t & Instruction till a President be orderly settled."

Leverett has filled out a substitute record of this meeting in the margin. In his record the "Fellows" are to manage the day. Rev. John Sherman is to begin with Prayer. Rev. Increase Mather is to moderate the dispute of the masters and conclude the day with prayer. Daniel Gookin is to moderate the dispute of the Bachelors. The Fellows are to take care of the College until a President is elected.

Page 73. Overseers meeting, July 28, 1681. The opening paragraph of this record is to the effect that "The Overseers being informed that the Rev^d Mr John Sherman may not be capable, through age, of attending the work of the Commencem^t, they hereby impow'r the Rev^d Mr Increase Mather to carry on the work thereof & give the Commencers their degrees. And Mr Daniel Gookin jun^r is desired to be helpful in moderating the disputes of the Bachelors." This also is scratched out and a substitute record of the meeting entered by Leverett, in which the same facts are stated in slightly different phraseology. Following this is an order restraining the use of wine at Commencement, and after that the appointment of Samuel Andrews as Proctor for the Commencement with instructions as to the hours at which visitors will be admitted, etc., etc. Record of a Corporation meeting, July 12, 1681.

Page 74. Corporation meetings, Aug. 9, 1681; Boston Anno 1681, Rev. Increase Mather chosen President; Nov. 7, 1681, John Cotton chosen Library keeper; Dec. 13, 1681, Nehemiah Hubbard chosen Fellow; January 5, 1681 [$? 168\frac{1}{2}$], Rev. Samuel Torrey chosen President.

NOTE.—Quincy, vol. I, p. 38, says: "In 1681 the Rev. Increase Mather was chosen and declined. In the same year the Rev. Samuel Torrey, of Weymouth, was chosen, and also declined." This is another instance of the confusion of old and new style dates. Torrey was chosen January 5, 168 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Page 75. Corporation meetings, March 27, 1682; April 10, 1682, John Rogers chosen President. Capt. Richards, the Treasurer, being about to depart for England, was desired to leave the Accounts & Papers concerning the College Stock with Thomas Danforth.

Page 76. "Colledge Estate delivered by the Worth Capt. John Richards unto the Dep^t Gov^r is as followeth, in the Acco^t underwritten."

Page 77. "Moneys Lett out Anno 1681 at 8 p. c. p. annu," followed by a list of the real estate, annuities, etc., belonging to the College, dated April 10, 1682.

Page 78. Corporation meetings, May 4, 1682, Jan. 10, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$, March 22, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Page 79. Record of meeting, March 22, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$, concluded, followed by "An Inventory of the Colledge Utensills belonging to the Buttery Octob. 26, 1683."

Pages 80, 81. "An Acco^t of the Colledge Stock betrusted by Capt. Jno Richards Esqr. with Thomas Danforth, Esqr." Debit Entries, p. 80; Credit Entries, p. 81, followed by a certificate, Jan. 1, 168 $\frac{2}{3}$, that the securities had been delivered to Samuel Nowell.

Page 82. "An Acco^t of the Estate belonging to Harvard Colledge under the care of Sam^l Nowell, Esq^r deliv^d unto him by Thomas Danforth is as followeth: In moneys due by Bond and Bill." The footing of this page is £1763 02s. 04d.

Page 83. "In moneys behind for rent, Interest, Legacyes, &c. as followeth." These foot up £594 09s. 04d. and the total is given £2357 11s. 06d. Then follows a statement of "Lands, Houses, Annuities," etc.

Page 84. This latter statement is continued on this page, and the whole thing is summed up as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Total { In Stock upon Emprovement, .	2357	11	08
{ In Annuities, Rents, &c. per ann.	242	10	00

Below this is the following: "Aug. 12, 1683. Mr. John Rogers was solemnly inaugurated into the place of President." Followed by a Corporation meeting, December 5, 1683, the entry being incomplete.

Page 85. This meeting continued on this page. Also an Overseers meeting, January 3, 1683 [*? 168 $\frac{3}{4}$*]. This latter entry is the last made by Danforth in this book. Leverett has entered in the margin, records of a Corporation meeting, March 17, 168 $\frac{3}{4}$, and of an Overseers meeting, July 1, 1684, and has noted the death of President Rogers in the following language: "July 2, 1684. The Rev^d Mr. President Rogers dyed. The Sun beginning to emerge out of a central eclip^s." Below these entries he has recorded the "Colledge Stock, April 29, 1693," the personal property with back interest amounting to £1630 12s. 00d. Below is a memorandum which is not absolutely clear but the apparent purport of which is that the substance of this statement was submitted to Sir Edmund Andros.

Page 86. Memorandum of gifts by Nathaniel Hulton and Thomas Gunston. Corporation meeting, July 21, 1684, Joshua Moody chosen President. Sept. 1684, Choice approved by Overseers. Oct. 14, 1684, Mr. Moody having declined, the Overseers ordered the Corporation to nominate some other person. Corporation meetings, Oct. 1, 1684, Oct. 16, 1684, Oct. 30, 1684, March 2, 168 $\frac{1}{2}$, March 23, 168 $\frac{1}{2}$, May 4, 1685; June 11, 1685, at which Mr. Increase Mather was invited to act as President till a further settlement be orderly made; July 2, 1685, Sept. 15, 1685, Nov. 21, 1685.

Page 87. 1686. Rules and orders respecting the Steward, Cook and Butler of Harvard College. These are the former rules modified by the substitution of Rector and Tutors for President and Fellows.

Page 88. Rules, etc., continued. Records of meetings, April 12, 1686, April 25, 1686, July 8, 1686.

Page 90. Index referring to the pages immediately following in the book.

Page 91. Lands and Annuities belonging to Harvard College.

"Whereas y^e lands and Annuities belonging to Harvard College, are entered in y^e College Books after a broken, disjointed manner, I (Benja. Wadsworth, President, Dec. 10, 1733) thought it proper to collect said entries, and what I find further belong to them, and enter them here in a more uniform compact manner."

Capt. Kein's House, sold. 20 acres at Lexington, sold. 6 acres, sold.

"Mem. Thô there were Corporation votes to sell a strip of land in Cambridge Neck 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres; and in Fresh Pond Meadows 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, yet I don't find y^t hitherto they have been sold."

"College homestead. As for y^e oblong parcel of land, on which y^e three Colleges & y^e President's house & barn now stand; I suppose y^e Easterly part of it was granted by y^e Town of Cambridge

An. 1638, to y^e use of a publick school or college forever, containing 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. The Westerly part of y^e South End (where y^e President's house now is) was bought of Edwd. Goffe with a building on it, afterwards call'd Goffe's College. See Coll. Book No. 2, p. 18; No. 3, p. 41. That part weh runs Northward from Cambridge Meeting House, even to a rod or two North of y^e present Old College, was bought of John Betts, April 4, 1661, and entered with y^e Records of Deeds for Middlesex, Lib. 13, p. 424-5. This land was bought with money given to y^e College by Mr. William Payn, Merchant, and by his son. See Coll. B. No. 2, p. 38; B. 3, p. 30. The Northwest corner of y^e land where y^e Colledges are was sold by Thomas Sweetman to Michael Spencer, Dec. 10, 1677. Entred in y^e Register at [*Page 92*] Cambridge, Lib. 8, 287, and sold by Michael Spencer to y^e College, Jun 12, 1697. Entred in y^e Registry of Deeds for Middlesex, B. 12, pp. 80, 81. These three deeds of Betts, Swetman & Spencer are with y^e College Treasurer."

Page 92. Following the conclusion of the College Homestead entry, Land before y^e President's House. Land in ye Neck. Westfields. South side Charles River.

Page 93. Lot 33, S. side Charles River. Elder Champney's 40 acres in Newtown. Cambridge Rocks, Lot 15, Lot 36, Lot 66, Lot 77, Lot 12, Lot 6.

Page 94. Lot 58, Land in Watertown given by Mr. Heyward. Shawshin Farm. Ward's or Bumpkin Island.

Page 95. Mr. Coggan's Marsh at Rumney Marsh. Mr. Webb's house in Boston. The Honble Wm. Stoughton, Esqrs. land in Dorchester.

Page 96. Revnd. Mr. Ezek. Rogers. The Honble Judge Sewal's 500 acres in Narragansett.

Page 97. The Revd. Mr. Danl. Russell's land given to Coll.

Page 98. Same continued.

Page 99. Lands at Paucatogue or Southerton.

Page 100. More about Pequot lands.

Page 101. Merricaneg in Province of Maine.

Page 102. Same continued. Plan of Salt Marsh in Dorchester, given by Governor Stoughton, inserted 1754 by Prest. Holyoke. Rutland, entered by Wadsworth.

Page 103. Lunenburg.

Page 104. Townsend land. The Honble Tho. Danforth, Esqrs. gift.

Page 105. Land at Hopkinton, given by y^e Honble Saml. Brown, Esqr. Mr. Nathl. Ward's farm.

Page 106. Robert Cook's grant of 800 acres. General Court grant of 800 acres.

Page 107. Mr. Edwd. Jackson's 400 acres. Mr. Atkinson's land.

Page 108. Mr. Newdigate's annuity. Mr. John Glover. Major Sedgwick's gift.

Page 109. Capt. Scarlet's annuity. Charles-town Ferry. Elder Penn.

Page 110. Hopkinton rent. Mr. Penoyr's legacy. In this latter occurs the phrase: "Ye other of y^e Colony of Nox, or of late called," and in the margin is written "now or late called."

Page 111. Mr. Dodderidge. Esqr Boyle.

Page 112. Mem. to inquire in England after the wills of Robert Turner and Daniel Williams. A plot of the College farm at Lunenburg.

Page 113. A plot of the College farm at Townsend.

Page 114. Charges in connection with Townsend lands.

Pages 115, 116, 117, 118, 119. Partition of Rowly lands. Waltham farm purchased with money from Rowly lands, also on p. 119.

Pages 120, 121. A plan of the settled part of Rutland, by Holyoke.

Page 122. A plan of the Rutland Farm by Holyoke.

Page 123. A plan of the Shawshin Farm by Holyoke.

Page 124. The Waltham Farm.

Page 125. A plan of the Waltham Farm by Holyoke.

Page 126. A plan of the sink from the kitchen of the new building and of the drain from Stoughton and the Massachusetts.

Page 127. Plan of lot on S. side of Harvard St. opposite Wadsworth House.

Page 128. Copy of Agreement. Plan of College lot on the West side of the Common.

Page 129. Plan of Brownfield, Langdon.

Page 131. Plan of Fryburg, showing Lovel's Pond and place of Lovel's fight, Langdon.

The entries in the rest of the book were made from the back end and are consequently inverted.

Pages 137, 138. Degree to Joseph De Valnaix.

Pages 138, 139. Degree to Horatio Gates, and in 139 a reference to a degree given Gen'l Washington.

Page 140. Degree to Ebenezer Pemberton by the College of New Jersey.

Page 141. Degree to Prof. Winthrop, Ed.

Page 142. Degree to Chas. Russell, Aberd.

Page 143. Degree to Chas. Russell, Aberd.

Page 144. Degree to Naphtali Daggett, Camb.

Page 145. Degree to John Cummings, Camb.

Page 146. Degree to William Appleton, H. C.

Page 147. Degree to Andrew Eliot, Ed.

Page 148. Degree to Samuel Auchmuty, Ox.

Page 149. Degree to Ezra Stiles, Ed.

Page 150. Degree to Samuel Langdon, Ab.

Page 151. Degree to Matthew Byles, Ab.

Page 152. Degree to Thomas Bulfinch, Ed.

Page 153. Degree to Benjⁿ Franklin, H. C.

Page 153. Degree to Ebenezer Miller, Ox.

Page 154. Degree to Jonathan Mayhew, Ab.

Page 155. Degree to Charles Chauncy, Ed.

Page 156. Degree to Samuel Mather, Glas.

Page 157. Degree to Jos. Sewall, Glas.

Page 158. Degree to Benj. Colman, Glas.

Page 160. Degree to Edwd. Wigglesworth, Ed.

Pages 161, 162. Memorial to the General Court, petitioning them to construct the new dormitory one hundred feet in length.

Pages 163, 164. Memorial of Overseers to the General Court setting forth the need of increased accommodations for students.

Pages 165, 166. Degree to Cotton Mather, Glas.

Page 168. Degree to Jeremiah Dummer, Utr.

Page 169. Partial Index to Degrees.

Page 170. Open Letter or Certificate in Latin from Herm. Witrius, Leyden, Feb. 3, 1703, setting forth the proficiency of Jeremiah Dummer in his studies, etc.

BOOK IV.

The next book in the sequence of the records was labelled by Quincy when he had the books bound, College Book No. 4 and 5, and was included by him in what he termed the early records of the College.

Records were entered at each end of this book. If we determine which end of the book is the beginning by the label upon its back, the book must be reversed and opened at what is apparently its back end to reach the oldest records which it contains. The first entry at this end of the book, is on the 352d page, counting from the other end, and is a record of "A Meeting of the Honourable President & Council at Cambridge on July 23d Anno Domⁱ 1686," at which it was "unanimously

agreed upon and declared that the Rev^d Mr Increase Mather be desired to accept the Rectorship of the Colledge & make his usual visitations." This is followed by the record of other votes at this meeting, and by the record of meetings of the Rector and Tutors, and also by records of other meetings during the years 1686 and 1687, which simply state what was done without mentioning by whom. These entries are in Leverett's handwriting and two of them are duplicates of records which had already been entered in Book I, by Increase Mather. There are also on this page the records of two meetings in 1690, entered by some other person and denominated Corporation meetings.

The change of title from President and Fellows to Rector and Tutors and the gap in the records are easily to be accounted for. The Colonial charter was annulled in 1684. Affairs ran along as best they could, until as Cotton Mather says "the honourable Joseph Dudley Esq. was by the Kings commission made President of the Territory of New Engl'd," then the Corporation and Overseers disappeared for a while, or to use the language of Mather, Dudley "continued the government of the Colledge in the hands of Mr. Mather, and altered his title unto that of rector." During the time of Increase Mather's visit to England in 1688 and the years immediately following, the College was not only without a head, but was also without an acknowledged legal form of government.

NOTE.—At one of the Commencements William Hubbard was appointed by Andros to act as President (Quincy, vol. I. 58). Cotton Mather says (*Magnalia*, I. 14), that on his father's return with the Province Charter of 1692, he resumed "the quality of President over the Colledge, which in his absence had flourished for divers years, under the prudent government of two tutors, Mr John Leverett and Mr William Brattle."

The resumption of the title of "The Corporation" in 1690, which was continued by Leverett in entries on the next page in 1690 and 1691 was not based upon any change in the legal status of affairs. The marginal entries, giving the names of those present, show that those who attended these meetings were all members of the Corporation under the charter of 1650. Increase Mather reached the province with the new Province charter which contained specific power to incorporate the College in 1692.

The passage by the General Assembly in 1692 of the Act incorporating Harvard College, furnished a new point in its history from which to date events. The entries of records at the end of Book IV. which was first opened, ceased with that event, and the book was opened at the eleventh page at the other end with a record. This page was adopted as the first in the pagination from that end of the book.

Records of Corporation meetings follow the entry of the Act of Incorporation. Through some of these we can trace the earnest desire of the members of the Corporation that Increase Mather should retain his connection with the College.

NOTE.—New light is thrown upon the struggle between Mather and the General Court, in the 7th Volume of the Acts and Resolves of the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

Intermixed with these Corporation records are occasional records of Overseers meetings. As the College estate increased the proceedings at the meetings were extended at greater length and in a more systematic manner. It is plain that as time went on, the necessity of using the books

of record for the specific purpose for which they were intended became more and more apparent. Random entries of matter which is of importance to the College, but not connected with the proceedings of meetings, became therefore less frequent.

In 1693 the College abolished the custom of having "Plumb-Cake" Commencement Day. A meeting of the "Commissioners for propagating the gospel among the Indians," held in 1695, was interpolated on page 11, and on page 13 the order of the Lieutenant Governor appointing the officers of the College to continue the management of its affairs until the further pleasure of his Majesty should be known, was entered. Then follow records of Corporation meetings during the years 1696, 1697, 1698, many of which were held in Boston.

On page 15, the following entry is made in Increase Mather's handwriting: "Memorandum. On June 5, 1698, Mr Eliakim Hutchinson of Boston, delivered to the President ten pounds, New England money, for the use of the Colledge, withall declaring that it was his purpose to give £10 every year to the Colledge as long as the government thereof should be such as he approved & no longer."

The following is taken from the record of a Corporation meeting held at Cambridge in 1698:

"That so y^e worship of God may be upheld in y^e Colledge wth y^e greater solemnity and that the schollars may be better acquainted with y^e original languages in wch y^e holy Scriptures are written, it is hereby ordered that prayer shall be constantly attended morning and evening in the Colledge Hall, and that when there is a President or Vice President residing in the place, he shall as often as will consist with his other work expound the Scriptures to y^e Schollars and that instead of y^e readings by y^e Schollars formerly used in y^e Colledge Hall at y^e times of worship it shall from hence forward be part of y^e work of y^e Tutors to hear their Pupills read every morning out of English into Hebrew and in y^e afternoon out of English into Greek, a chapter or so much of it as their Tutors shall think convenient, & that they take care that their Pupills perform their reading with due exactness & not perfunctorily."

A slip an inch in depth has been cut out of the bottom of page 26. Apparently there was something written on it. On page 29 the proceedings of the General Court "Anno Regni Annæ Reginae Sexto," concerning the choice of Leverett as President, the fixing of his salary, and the direction to the President and Fellows to regulate themselves according to the rules and conditions of the constitution of the Act of 1650, are duly entered.

During Leverett's presidency the records are entered with method and in a clear, distinct handwriting. A few entries of Overseers meetings

occur. Occasionally there is a special entry as to some application for a degree out of order, or some proceeding connected with the violation of a College rule by a student. There are a few memoranda concerning wills and gifts to the College, but nearly all the entries are specific records of Corporation meetings.

A detailed statement of the condition of the College estate, followed by an Inventory of the College stock, is recorded April 12, 1713. This was the last of Thomas Brattle's statements. Another Inventory of the College stock, with Treasurer White's receipt to Rev. Mr. [Wm.] Brattle for sail stock, is recorded October 8, 1715.

There are one or two instances of records of meetings entered out of chronological sequence, and one instance in which the proceedings of a meeting are recorded twice.

February 5th, 1723, an address to the King was adopted, which was recorded in full, together with the following vote: "It is voted that the King be addressed by the Corporation upon the discovery of the horrible and detestable conspiracy against his Majesty's life and the Royal family." Wadsworth has made the following marginal entry: "I think the ship in which it went miscarried and so it was not presented. B. W."

At a Corporation meeting held in Boston in May, 1724, a resolution prefaced with the following preamble was passed: "Whereas the College is now without any President's House, it being removed when the Massachusetts College was built," etc.

At this period nearly all the Corporation meetings were held in Cambridge. The place of meeting is in some instances specifically designated as the Library, in others the statement is made that the meeting was held in the College, while other records are merely dated at Cambridge.

In June, 1725, a meeting was held in Boston, at Wadsworth's house. Leverett had then been dead more than a year. Wadsworth was elected President this month and was inaugurated in July. The records are for a time thereafter exclusively in his handwriting. The proceedings at his inauguration do not appear in place in the records, but a full account is entered further on in this book. In addition to the regular records, Wadsworth made an entry of certain proceedings of the House of Representatives, Dec. 31, 1725. An Address to the King was adopted in September, 1727, and it was voted to send it to Thomas Hollis for presentation. The language of the body of this is identical with the one adopted four years and a half before, concerning which Wadsworth made the marginal notation that it must have miscarried.

NOTE.—Quincy, Vol. I, p. 354, says the reason the first address was not presented, was that it did not reach London

till after George the First's death. He adds: "Having been read at that time 'paragraph by paragraph, and approved of,' it was thought too good to be lost; and after changing the beginning and the end to suit the new occasion, it was inserted bodily into an address to George the Second, congratulatory upon his accession." Hollis who was requested to present it declined to do so, and plainly said that the address was pronounced "fifty if not one hundred years too ancient for our present polite style and court."

August 13, 1728, Wadsworth records the visit of Governor Burnet to the College. On that occasion "near sixty or thereabout" dined in the Library.

In December, 1728, the Steward was directed to expend forty shillings for the use of Mary Prentice who had been a servant of the College a long time and had become reduced to a necessitous condition. September 9, 1730, an account is given of the dinner tendered Governor Belcher in the Library. On that occasion, "ye Masters at College were not invited, 'twas feared there would not be room for them." The President and Tutors, Sept. 18, 1736, took an account of the College plate, weighed it and made out an Inventory, which is recorded under that date.

The entries in Wadsworth's handwriting cease with the record of a meeting held November 3, 1736. Flynt was then authorized by vote of the Corporation to enter the records, a duty which he performed until September, 1737, when the work devolved upon Holyoke as President. An account is given in detail of the reception and entertainment of Governor Shirley. The records of meetings in this book cease on page 316, where the following entry is made: "Memorandum. The above is the last meeting of the Corporation recorded in this book, the subsequent records being entered in Lib. No. 7, Sept. 7, 1750." Following this on page 316 is the "Oratio Inauguralis Rev^d Edw. Holyoke." And on pages 318, 319, 320, there is an account of the proceedings at the inauguration of Benjamin Wadsworth.

The records at the other end of the book ceased on the third page from that end of the book, or the 350th page as the book is bound. The space between the 350th and the 320th page has been used for the entry of gifts and legacies received by the College. The work was begun by Leverett, continued by Wadsworth, and carried on by Holyoke.

This concludes the analysis of the books which Quincy classed as early records. The record of the contents of Books I and III is complete, page by page. In describing Book IV, I have not thought it desirable to enter into detail. Previous to the 18th century the records are desultory in their nature, but since the Act of 1707 the records of the Corporation and of the Overseers are reasonably complete.





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